

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* Application of )  
 ) Group Art Unit: TBA  
Bradley T. KELLER *et al.* )  
 ) Examiner: TBA  
Serial No. TBA )  
 ) Atty. Dkt. 161765.00535 (3296/01/US/CON)  
Filed: July 3, 2003 )

For: COMBINATION THERAPY FOR THE PROPHYLAXIS AND TREATMENT OF HYPERLIPIDEMIC  
CONDITIONS AND DISORDERS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-captioned patent application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment into the file. It is believed that a fee of \$456 is due, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 (b) and (c), for the filing of two independent claims in excess of three (\$168 = \$84 x 2) and sixteen claims in excess of twenty (\$288 = \$18 x 16) in this Preliminary Amendment. However, if it is determined that the actual fee is more or less than this amount, please debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 accordingly.

An AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION section begins on page 2 of this paper.

A LISTING OF CLAIMS reflects claim amendments and begins on page 3 of this paper.

A REMARKS section begins on page 12 of this paper.

A Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee are being filed in parent Application Serial No. 802,313, in order to extend the period for response five months , *i.e.*, up to and including July 7, 2003 (Monday) and thereby establish copendency with the above-captioned continuation application.